

The Moses Ford House
Hamden, Connecticut

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THE MOSES FORD HOUSE

Hamden, New Haven County, Conn.

Owner: Mr. Stewart Jones, 152 Waite St., Hamden, Conn.

Date of Erection: 1769

Architect or Builder: Moses Ford

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: One and One-half

Materials of Construction: Stone foundation
Central chimney plan
Clapboard exterior
Wood shingled roof
Brick chimney

Other Existing Records: Article in New Haven Register,
1936.

List of Photographs:

1. Front Elevation
2. Cupboard in Dining Room
3. Fireplace in Kitchen and Living Room
4. Entrance Hall and Stairs
5. Dining Room Panelling
6. Fireplace in Kitchen
7. Fireplace Detail and Living Room

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Situated on the corner of Waite and Ford Streets in Hamden, Connecticut, stands The Moses Ford House, facing south toward New Haven. This historic old dwelling was built about 1769 by Moses Ford whose family name is mentioned prominently in the history of Hamden, and is still painted in the red hue so typical of old dwellings and farm building. The house makes a very pretty picture amid the modern structures of this residential section.

It is a house of one and one-half stories, frame, with center chimney, and panelling in both dining room and living room. The house contains an interesting corner cupboard which was taken from an old house in Northford.

History has it, that Charles Goodyear made the famous "Gum Boots melting mistake", which mothered his invention of vulcanizing rubber, in this house.

Another bit of New Haven history connected with this homestead is that Benedict Arnold's first wife died here. Her remains are now in the Crypt beneath Center Church in New Haven.

The house is especially remarkable as being the oldest, the grandest, and the most perfect dwelling of the Colonial period to be found in Hamden today.

Source of Information: Article in New Haven Register, 1936.

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